GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Remunerative Price to Farmers
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers have received remunerative price for their produce under the agricultural price policy keeping in view the high inflation during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Price Support Scheme for procurement of oilseeds, pulses and cotton has been implemented across the country, if so, the details of procurement under the said scheme when prices of agricultural produce fell below MSP during the said period; and

(d) the other corrective steps taken by the Government to provide adequate price to farmers for their produce?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): With a view to ensure remunerative prices to farmers for their produce, Government fix Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) based on the recommendation of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), views of the concerned State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments and other relevant factors. The MSP provide adequate returns over all India weighted average all paid out costs including family labour (A2+FL) as estimated by the CACP. However, farmers are free to sell their produce to the Government procurement agencies at MSP or in the open market as is advantageous to them. Government increased the MSP of both Rabi and Kharif crops for 2016-17 season and has also increased the MSP of Kharif crops for 2017-18 season. A statement of MSP of various crops for last three year is enclosed at Annexure-I. MSP is determined for the country as a whole and not region or state-specific.

(c): Yes, Madam. The details of procurement made under Price Support Scheme (PSS) is at Annexure-II.

(d): Government also undertake procurement of paddy and wheat at MSP through FCI and pulses under PSF through NAFED, SFAC & FCI. The Central Government has removed pulses from the list on which stock limit can be imposed by states and also increased the import duty imposed on various pulses to discourage cheap import. Besides this, Government also provides remunerative price for agricultural/horticultural commodities, which are perishable in nature and not covered under the MSP regime, through Market Intervention Scheme (MIS).